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SUBJECT: ANALYSIS CONCERNING INDIA AND THE CTB

REF: (A) STATE 36683; (B) NEW DELHI 2332

1. EMBASSY ANALYSIS ABOUT THE LIKELY INDIAN REACTION TO VARIOUS POSSIBLE ASPECTS OF A CTB (REF B) WAS DISCUSSED AT FEBRUARY 15 INTERAGENCY MEETING AT WHICH WERE PRESENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE, DOD, DOE, ACDA, AND NSC. THE EMBASSY'S QUICK RESPONSE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
2. THE NEXT STEP INVOLVES PREPARATION OF A DECISION PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSING A VARIETY OF CTB - RELATED ISSUES. THERE IS A STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT REFERENCE TO INDIA AND ITS APPROACH TO THE CTB WILL FIGURE IN THE DECISION PAPER. WE NEED, THEREFORE, SOME BACKGROUND AND
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ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR YOUR EARLIER ANALYSIS. THIS INFORMATION, WHICH SHOULD REACH US NO LATER THAN OUR OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY MARCH 6, SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- THE HISTORICAL INDIAN POSITION ON THE CTB;
- DOCUMENTATION OF RECENT STATEMENTS ON CTB WHICH HAVE LED THE EMBASSY TO CONCLUDE THAT INDIA WOULD BECOME A PARTY

TO A CTB WHICH BARS ALL NUCLEAR TESTING;

--THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE CONCLUSION THAT INDIA WOULD NOT
BECOME PARTY TO A CTB WHICH ALLOWED THE WEAPONS STATES
TO TEST BUT DENIED THIS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES.

3. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON SOME OF
THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS WHICH WERE RAISED AT THE MEETING
CITED ABOVE:

--WHAT ARE THE INDICATIONS, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE
INDICATIONS, THAT THE DESAI COMMITMENT TO SIGN A NON-
DISCRIMINATORY CTB IS A PERSONAL POSITION THAT IS NOT
SHARED BY HIS CABINET?

--ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS OF OPPOSITION TO DESAI'S POSI-
TION ON THE CTB FROM MEMBERS OF THE IAEA AND MILITARY?

--WHAT HAS BEEN THE DOMESTIC REACTION TO ANY STATEMENTS
BY THE PM ON CTB? VANCE

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